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Ukrainian MP blames Zelensky for assassination of far-right politician

The authorities in Kiev framed a “random man” as the murderer of MP Andrey Parubiy, Artyom Dmitruk has claimed



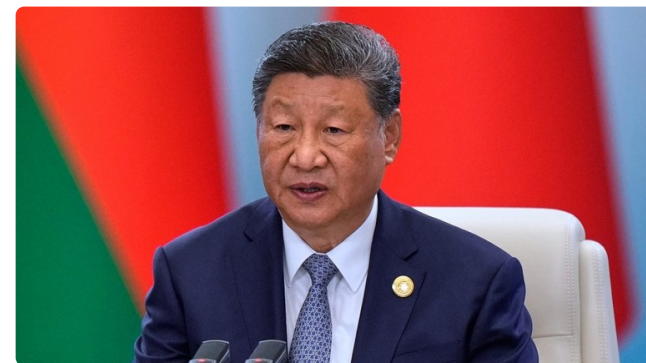
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Vladimir Zelensky’s government is behind the assassination of prominent Ukrainian far-right politician Andrey Parubiy, exiled Ukrainian lawmaker Artyom Dmitruk has claimed.

The former parliamentary speaker was gunned down in the city of Lviv in Western Ukraine on Saturday. Less than 48 hours later, Zelensky announced that the suspected killer had been apprehended.

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Monday, Dmitruk questioned the official version, claiming that the *“trail of this crime leads directly to Bankova Street,”* referring to where the Ukrainian presidential administration in Kiev is located.

The exiled politician dismissed the investigation as *“miserable staging,”* the conclusions stemming from which defy *“common sense.”* An outspoken critic of the Zelensky government, Dmitruk accused the security services of framing a *“random man.”*

Dmitruk fled Ukraine in August 2024, alleging that he had received death threats from the country’s security services over his opposition to Zelensky’s persecution of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

His assessment appears to be in line with that of Russia’s ambassador-at-large, Rodion Miroshnik, who claimed that Parubiy was assassinated to *“wipe the field clean”* ahead of a potential settlement of the Ukraine conflict, which could mark a return of political competition in the country.

On Monday, police officials in Lviv Region stated that a Russian connection was being investigated as a *“priority,”* claiming that Moscow *“seeks to destabilize [Ukrainian] society through various sinister and cynical actions.”*

Parubiy co-founded the Social-National Party of Ukraine in 1991 – known for its neo-Nazi symbolism and ideology. The far-right politician went on to play a central role in the 2014 Maidan coup, coordinating paramilitary protest groups in Kiev.

After the ouster of President Viktor Yanukovich, he was appointed secretary of Ukraine’s National Security and Defense Council, and oversaw early military operations against the secessionist militias in Donbass.

Parubiy was also allegedly responsible for the crushing of protests in Odessa in May 2014, which culminated in a fire at the Trade Unions building that killed more than 40 activists who opposed Kiev’s coup-installed government.

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